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Updated Website!

We are excited to announce that our website has been updated! It's filled with fun and interactive games, facts and more. We would love to hear from you. Are there some things that you would like to see added or changed?

Go to: www.mesarecycles.org then click on the "Club Blue" link.

Once you have had a chance to check it out, let us know what you think by clicking on the "Comments and Suggestions" button!



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GOT WRAPPING PAPER?

The holidays are here again! Time for fun celebrations with family and friends. After you're done celebrating does your family have lots of leftover wrapping paper? Wondering what to do with it all?

Unfortunately, wrapping paper isn't accepted in the blue recycle barrel because lots of wrapping paper is dyed, laminated or can contain other things such as gold and silver colored shapes and glitter which can't be recycled.

However, there are lots of other ways you can reuse leftover wrapping paper.

Here are some Ideas...

- ♦ Take some twine or ribbon and attach wrapping paper cut-outs onto them for easy and free decorations
- ♦ Make thank you cards for the gifts you received
- ♦ Save bigger pieces of left overs to wrap gifts next year
- ♦ Make fancy and colorful bookmarks



OR...EVEN BETTER!

Instead of using store-bought wrapping paper you can use:

- ♦ Sunday comic paper
- ♦ Old calendars
- ♦ Paper grocery bags
- ♦ Junk mail
- ♦ Maps

The possibilities are endless!



Ask Charlie

Our favorite recycling buddy, Charlie the Recycling Chimp is always ready to answer our recycling questions. Let's see what Charlie has to say about these questions...

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Dear Charlie,

What can we do with our Christmas tree after we take it down? My brother and I don't want to put it in the black barrel.

Stuck up a tree,
Sarah

Dear Sarah,

You can take your tree to one of the City's five free drop-off sites. For location information, visit mesarecycles.org or call us at 480-644-2221. We can even stop by your house and pick up your tree for a small fee!

You can also put your tree in your green barrel, if you have one. Just be sure that it fits inside and the lid closes!

No matter what you do, just remember to remove all lights, decorations and tree stands.

(Pssstt... If you do take your tree to a drop-off site, check out our contest on the next page!)

Yours in Recycling,
Charlie

Dear Charlie,

My family wants to try deep frying a turkey this Christmas but we don't know what to do with all the leftover oil.

Can we recycle the oil or pour it down the drain?

Swimming in oil,
Kenny P.

Dear Kenny,

You should never pour leftover oil down the drain as it can clog up the sewer system, or even worse it can block the pipes in your home! YUCK!

Instead you can recycle your leftover oil at certain fire department locations here in the City from Nov. 13-Jan. 13, 2014.

To learn more you can visit mesaaz.gov/fire or call 480-644-2484.

P.S. Remember to stay safe and leave the turkey frying to the grown-ups!

Yours in Recycling,
Charlie

Do you have a question for Charlie?

You can mail your questions to:

Club Blue
Solid Waste Management Dept.
P.O. Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

Or e-mail Charlie at:

charlietherecyclingchimp@mesaaz.gov





New Contest!

If you take your tree to one of our recycling drop-off sites look for our “Club Blue Photo Spot” sign (shown below). Take your picture next to it and enter our contest for a chance to win a special prize package!



Three lucky winners will be chosen and one winner will win the grand prize which includes the following:



A visit with Charlie the Recycling Chimp
Explore a City of Mesa recycle truck
A set of mini barrels
& a cool T-shirt
Plus additional surprises and goodies!!



Submit your photo by mail or e-mail to: waste.info@mesaaz.gov by
Monday, Jan. 27, 2014.

****See last page of newsletter for entry form and details.****

For location information visit mesarecycles.org or scan the code below.



DID YOU KNOW?

Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day Americans produce 25 percent more trash than they normally do throughout the rest of the year!

Most of the trash comes from all of the many holiday festivities.



Each year Americans throw away 25 BILLION Styrofoam cups!

So what's the big deal?

Styrofoam doesn't breakdown when buried in the landfill like some other trash does.

Consider using a paper or reusable cup instead of Styrofoam!



Reusable
Stays out of the landfill



Styrofoam
Landfilled forever



Recyclable
Stays out of the landfill



Remember to reduce, reuse and recycle this holiday season!





Craft Corner



Paper Bag Gingerbread House

Make these cute bags to wrap up small presents or fill with holiday treats for your friends and family!



Supplies you will need:

Lunch sized paper bag
Brown and white craft foam
Foam holiday shapes
Stapler
Scissors
Tacky glue

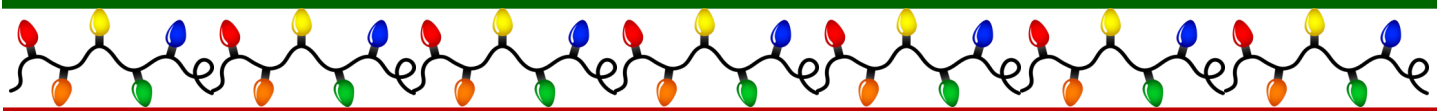


You can use these instructions or come up with your own!

Instructions:

- 1) Fill a bag with treats or a small gift.
- 2) Fold down the top.
- 3) Staple closed.
- 4) Cut two pieces of brown foam to cover a portion of the top of the bag.
- 5) Glue one to each side to make a roof.
- 6) Cut out shapes for windows, doors, etc.
- 7) Glue pieces to bag.
- 8) Peel and stick foam holiday shapes to bag to decorate.
- 9) Done!

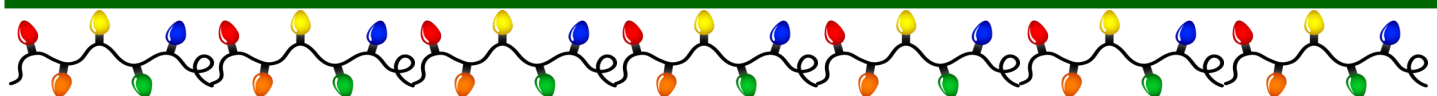




Fun Pages

Mitten Mix-Up!

Six pairs of mittens got mixed up!
Find the mitten that matches and connect them with a line.
Add some color when you're done!





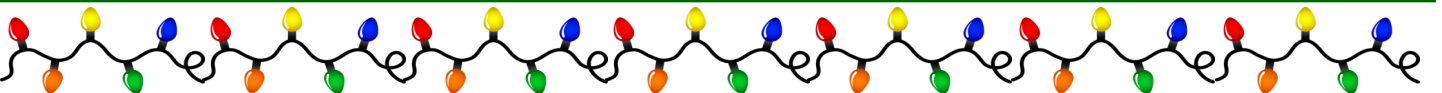
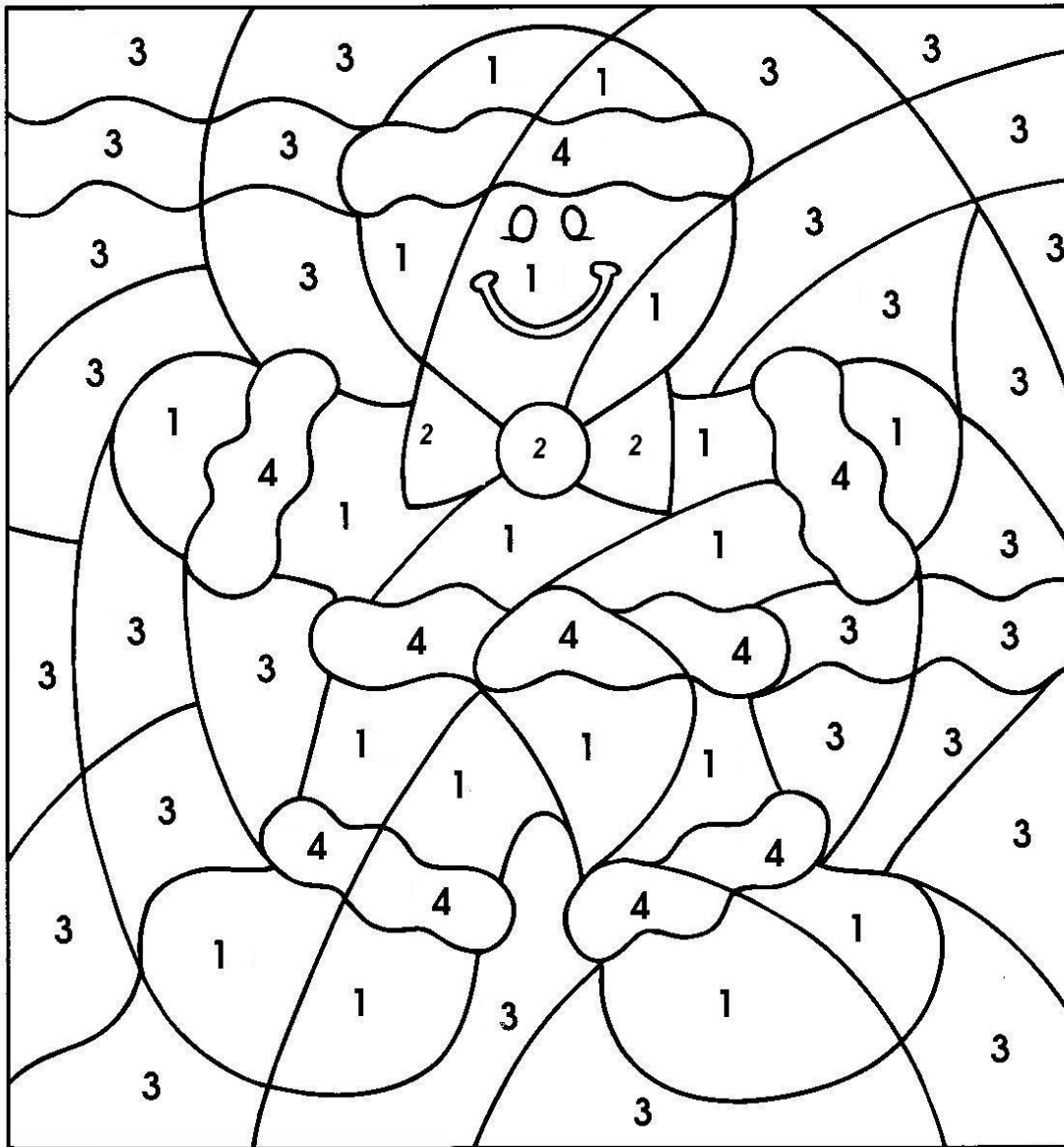
Fun Pages

Color by Numbers!



Color the picture below using the number key on top to determine what color to use. What is the hidden object?

1-Brown 2-Red 3-Green 4-Yellow



City of Mesa
Solid Waste Management Dept.
P.O. Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM



Send us a picture of yourself at one of our Christmas tree recycling drop-off sites for a chance to win a special prize package!

Mail to:

Club Blue
Solid Waste Management Dept.
P.O. Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

Or e-mail to:

waste.info@mesaaz.gov

REMEMBER!!

Be sure to get your parent's permission first!!



Name: _____

Address: _____

Unit/Apt. #: _____

City: _____ State : _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

*Submission of pictures authorizes the City of Mesa the right to use pictures in upcoming Club Blue Newsletters. Sorry, but pictures are not able to be returned.

